

MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

May 18, 1942

No. 149

EXCELLENCY:

Under instructions of my Government, I have the honor to request Your Excellency's consideration of the following matter:

At the present time, when planes belonging to the United States Army or Navy may have occasion to fly over or land in Uruguayan territory or territorial waters, it is necessary to obtain the advance permission of the Uruguayan Government for each such flight. As Your Excellency will readily understand, circumstances may arise in which it would be of vital importance that such flights be arranged and carried out with as little delay as possible. In such cases, the necessity of obtaining advance authorization might cause regrettable delay. In order to guard against such a contingency, my Government has instructed me to inquire if Your Excellency's Government would be disposed to grant a general permission authorizing planes belonging to the United States Army or Navy to fly over and land in Uruguayan territory and territorial waters without the necessity of obtaining advance permission in each individual case. In the event that the Uruguayan Government should grant such general permission, it would be understood that authorization for individual flights would not be requested in advance. However, my Government, would, of course, furnish the Uruguayan Government advance information regarding projected flights at the earliest possible moment.

¹ Not printed.

I trust that Your Excellency's Government will be in a position to give favorable consideration to this proposal and I shall be happy to communicate to my Government Your Excellency's comments regarding the matter.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM DAWSON

To His Excellency
Sr. Dr. DON ALBERTO GUANI,
*Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Montevideo.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONTEVIDEO, May 27 1942

MY DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note No. 149, dated the 18th instant in which Your Excellency informs me of the desire of your Government that aircraft of the Army and Navy of your country be authorized to fly over and land in Uruguayan territory without requesting previous permission, in virtue of the reasons which you indicate.

In reply, I have pleasure in stating that the international situation in which Uruguay finds itself vis-a-vis the United States justifies it in granting it exceptional treatment, with due regard for the considerations invoked by Your Excellency, since the time element may be a determining factor in the success of the tasks which may be assigned to the units referred to.

It shall be understood, however, as stated in your communication, that in each case, wherever possible, previous notice of the flight will be given, and in those cases where landings have been made the competent authority shall be immediately informed of the facts.

I reiterate to you, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A. GUANI

His Excellency Mr. WILLIAM DAWSON,
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America.*